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Alan Draper is Professor of Political Science at St. Lawrence University in New York, is the Fulbright-University of Innsbruck Distinguished Chair and is teaching "Introduction to American Politics" and "Europe and the U.S.: Complements and Contrasts" in Innsbruck this semester. In this talk he will examine the sources of Barack Obama and the Democratic Party's success in the 2008 elections, their massive defeat in the 2010 midterm congressional elections, and what this portends for the approaching 2012 presidential contest. Prof. Draper is an expert on comparative politics and American government whose research interests include Southern Labor History, the American Civil Rights Movement, and Labor History. His recent publications include The Good Society: An Introduction to Comparative Politics (2nd Edition, Longman Publishers, 2011), together with Ansil Ramsay, and the The Politics of Power: A Critical Introduction to American Government (6th Edition, Norton Press, 2010), with Ira Katznelson and Mark Kesselman.

